applications have been processed upto 31st December, 2000 and 1,82,66,786 Permanent Account Numbers have been allotted. The balance figures represent application with deficiency and those received in the recent months. AH out efforts are made for expeditious allotment of PAN and timely issue of refunds.

Increase in Subsidies

† 2658. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: DR.D.MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a continuous increase in the amount of subsidy in the country;
- (b) if so, the estimated percentage of increase in the amount during 1998-99,1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and
- (c) whether the common people of this country are getting the advantage of this subsidy; if not, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VnCHE PATIL): (a) and (b)As will be seen from Annexure 3.1 of the Expenditure Budget Volume 1 presented in me Parliament on 28 February, 2001, subsidies increased from Rs. 23593 crore in 1998-99 to Rs. 26949 crore in R.E. 2000-2001. The percentage increase over the previous year during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (RE) was 27%, 5% and 9% respectively; and

(c) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to ensure that the subsidies reach the targeted beneficiaries.

Oil Refineries in the Country

2659. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and location of different refineries in the country, companywise;
- (b) the installed capacity and the actual capacity utilisation of those refineries in 1998-99,1999-2000 and 2000-2001;
- (c) whether Government have any proposal to expand the capacity of the existing refineries; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR):

(a) As on date there are 15 PSU operating refineries in the country as indicated below:— $\,$

Name of PSU	No. of refineries	Location of the refineries		
	7	Digboi, Guwahati, Barauni,		
Indian Oil Corporation	1	Haldia,		
		Mathura, Panipat and		
Limited (IOCL)		Koyali		
		Mumbai		
Corporation Limited (BPCL)	2	Mumbai and Visakh		
Hindustan Petroleum				
Corporation Limited (HPCL)	1	Kochi		
Kochi Refinery Limited	2	Channai and Narimanam		
Chennai Petroleum				
Corporation Limited (CPCL)	1			
Bongaigaon Refinery and	1	Bongaigaon		
Petrochemicals Limited (BRPL)				
Numaligam Refinery Limited		Numaligarh		
(NRL)				

(b) The installed capacity and capacity utilisation of the PSU refineries are as follows:-

	1998	-1999	1999-2	000	2000-2001	
PSU refineries	installed capacity as on 1.4.1998 in MMT	Percentage of capacity utilisation	Installed capacity as onl.4.1999 in MMT	Percentage of capacity utilisation	Installed capacity as on 1.4.2000 in MMT	Percentage of capacity utilisation anticipated
IOC refineries	25.7	118.1	31.7	102.3	35.6	92.8
BPCL refinery	6.0	147.9	6.9*	129.0	6.9*	125.6
HPCL refineries	10.0	90.7	10.0	105.6	13.0	92.0

PSU	Installed	Percentage	Installed	Percentage	Installed	Percentage
refinerie	capacity as on 1.4.1998 in MMT	of capacity utilisation	capacity as onl.4.199 in MMT	of capacity utilisation	m on 1.4.2000 in MMT	of capacity utilisation anticipated
CPCL	7.0	96.4	7.0	100.2	7.0	94.5
refinery KRL refinery BRPL	7.5	103.6	7.5	104.4	7.5	100.1
refinery NRL	2.35	70.4	2.35	81.1	2.35	81.4 48,2
MIXL	_	_	_	_	3.0	40,2

^{*}BPCL installed capacity is under upward

revision. MMT: million metric tonnes

(c) and (d) The refinery capacity expansion projects planned by various public sector companies are given below:

Planned revision installed capacity (MMTPA)

IOCL, Barauni expansion Phase-ll	1.80
IOCL, Panipat expansion	6.00
IOCL, Koyali expansion	5.50
B PCL, Mumbai expansion	5.10
KRL, Kochi expansion	6.00
CPCL, Chennai expansion	3.00

Allotment of Dealership for LPG and Petrol in Arunachal Pradesh

2660. SHRI NAB AM REBIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications received by Governmet for LPG dealership, Petrol pumps, etc. in Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) the number of LPG dealership and Petrol pumps allotted to those applicant who have already applied for; and
- (c) the details of dealership proposed to be allotted during the next two years in the State?